

Reformation Sunday



October 26th, 2025

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

Welcome, Visitors!

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table. **Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation and Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot off the alley behind church, on the local streets (follow signs as some parking is only residential or has hour restrictions) and at the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. Parking there other days requires a code. Pick up a card at church with the ramp code. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month: Daily Work

Daily Work partners with immigrants, refugees, and others facing barriers to employment. Through one-to-one, relationship-based support, job seekers gain not only work, but also stability in housing, transportation, digital access, and more. With Our Saviour's continued support, Daily Work can continue to rise to this moment, building capacity, meeting urgent challenges, and opening the door for more job seekers to thrive.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

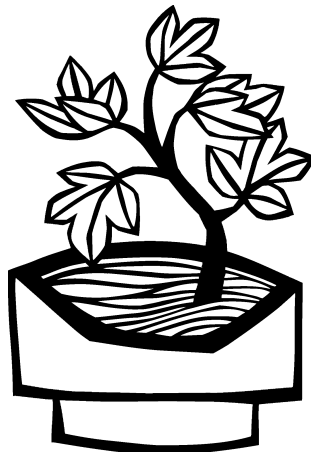
***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

God of all,
We are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**



*=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit

*Gathering Hymn

Love's Wide Embrace

Bret Hesla



1, 4. We have been called. We have been called to cel - e - brate our
2. We have been held. We have been held in ten-der care as
3. We have been sent. We have been sent and glad-ly go to



home here in love's wide em - brace. To bear in mind, to bear in
we lay wound-ed by the road. Re-ceiv - ing grace. Re-ceiv - ing
stand where bor - ders must be crossed. To chal-lenge powers, to chal-lenge



mind all that we share; to join the song of love's good ways. Hal - le -
heal - ing at the hands of stran - gers with the face of God. Hal - le -
powers, to wel-come all, em - bra - cing love's full joys and costs. Hal - le -

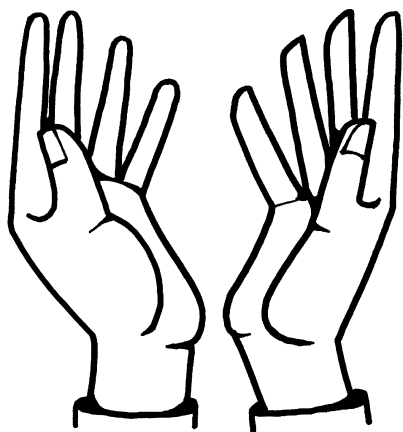


lu - ya, we have been called to join the song of love's good ways.
lu - ya, we have been healed by strang-ers with the face of God.
lu - ya, we have been sent em - bra - cing love's full joys and costs.

*Greetings

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Jeremiah 14:7-9, 19-22

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O God, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸ O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
⁹ Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O God, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O God,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glory;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

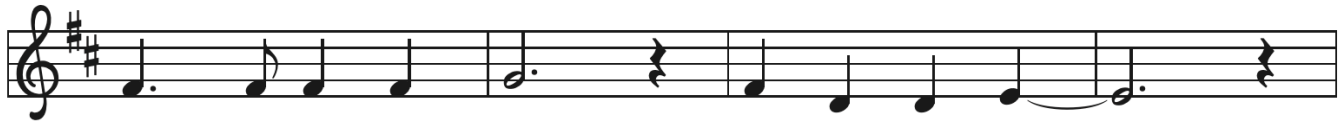
²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 46 *All – Refrain; Reader - Verses*



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

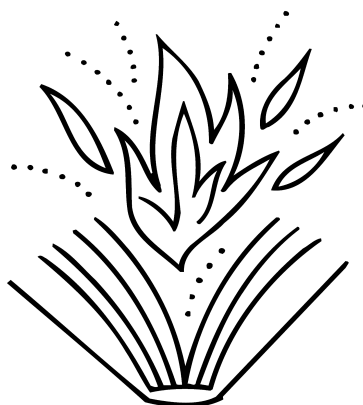
Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now a laurel wreath awaits me; on that day our God, the just Judge, will award it to me - and not only to me, but to all who have longed for Christ's appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the God stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ God will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for the dominion of heaven. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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*Gospel

Luke 18:9-14 (Spark Bible p. 396)

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children's church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

A space for sermon notes can be found in the back of this worship bulletin.

*Hymn of the Day

If Not For Your Grace

Israel Houghton

Verses sung by cantor, congregation sings chorus as indicated.

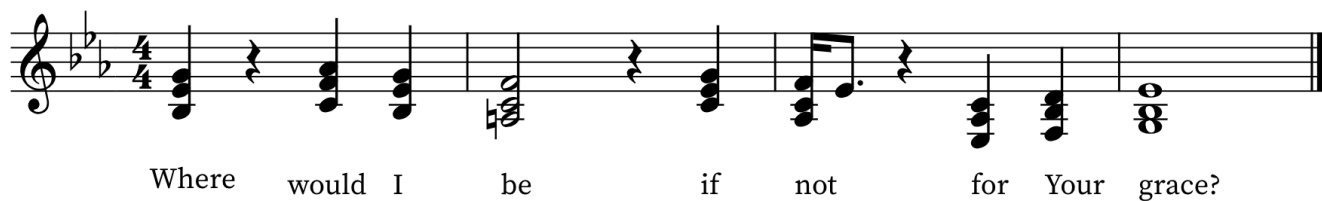
Chorus

Grace that restores
Grace that redeems
Grace that releases
Me to be

Grace that repairs
Visions and dreams
Grace that releases
Me to be...your grace.

Where would I be if not for your grace?

Repeat as directed with harmonies below.



*Prayers of the People

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Gathering our Gifts

Anna Rohde & Kara Lattu

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: oursavioursmples.org.

*Offertory

People Give Thanks

Bret Hesla

Refrain

Peo - ple, give thanks, give thanks to God with your
whole heart. Peo - ple, give thanks, give
thanks to God with your whole heart.

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



***Eucharistic Prayer**

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

**Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,
Jesus Christ will come again.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
Jesus Christ will come again.**

***The Prayer of Jesus**

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

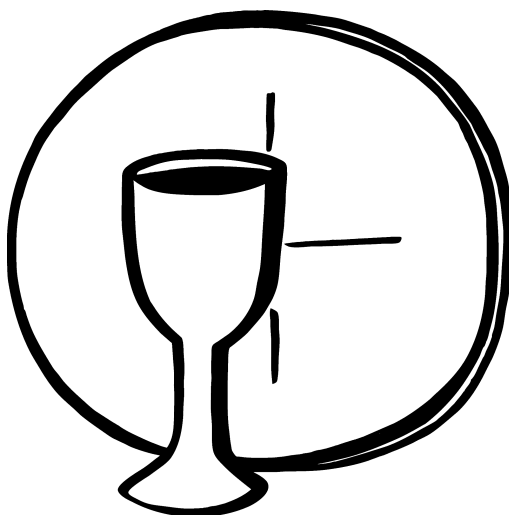
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for wine (dark) or juice (light). Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.



Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

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1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines.

For Everyone Born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.

**Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, Justice
and joy.**

2. For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong, **Refrain**
3. For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free, **Refrain**

Now I Walk in Beauty

Now I walk in beauty
Beauty is before me
Beauty is behind me
Above and below me

Navajo Prayer

***Blessing**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

***Benediction**

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace

***Dismissal**

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

Alleluia! Go in peace. Love and serve God! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for community announcements and a potluck immediately following worship.

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Today’s Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Suzanne Burke
Prayers:	Anna Rohde
Special Music:	Anna Rohde & Kara Lattu
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, October 29

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal

6:15PM Halloween/All Saints Open Mic

7PM Choir

Saturday, November 1

9AM-12PM, Quilting

Sunday, November 2

9AM, Adult Forum - Hospice care and end of life preparations with Rev. Elizabeth Damico-Carper

Interested in becoming a member of OSLC?

Fall new member Sunday is December 7

Are you interested in becoming a member of OSLC? Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors. We will receive and bless new members on December 7.

Leading up to December 7, get to know OSLC:

- **Today**, there is a potluck after worship.
- **We will pair new members with a 'sponsor,'** a current member who you'll get to know and who will be part of blessing you on new member Sunday.

SERMON NOTES



OUR SAVIOUR'S Lutheran Church

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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